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**SACRAMENTO WOMAN CONCEALS MARRIAGE FOR OVER 15 YEARS
TO STEAL OVER \$ 130,000 VIA SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that JANET ANNE MANSER-LAMONT, 70, of Sacramento, California, pled guilty today before United States District Judge Lawrence K. Karlton to stealing United States Social Security Administration funds.

This case is the product of investigation by the United States Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, MANSER-LAMONT admitted that from March 1991 through September 2006, she unlawfully claimed to be unmarried in order to receive social security benefits. In March 1991, MANSER-LAMONT purchased a confidential marriage license and got married in Sacramento County. MANSER-LAMONT then concealed the fact of her marriage until investigators from the Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General uncovered her fraud. Under these false pretenses and by hiding her marriage, MANSER-LAMONT stole \$130,116.16 in social security funds that she was not entitled to receive. According to the plea agreement in this case, MANSER-LAMONT will make full restitution to the United States for her theft of Social

Security Administration funds.

MANSER-LAMONT is scheduled to be sentenced on October 23, 2007. The maximum penalty she faces is ten years imprisonment, a three-year term of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

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